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CALENDAR



Mon., Oct. 28 — OPC Responsibility in Communications Forum. "The Little Rock Story." Dinner 7:30 p.m. Discussion, 8:30 p.m.

Bob Allison, who covered developments in Little Rock for CBS News, will join panelists Benjamin Fine, Bob Considine, James Hicks and Stanley Mays to discuss how they covered the story for press, radio and TV, their difficulties, and the impact on the U.S. and the world. Other newsmen who reported at Little Rock will question the panelists. David Shefrin will be moderator.

Members may obtain reservations at OPC. One guest per member permitted.

Tues., Oct. 29 — Art Buchwald. New York Herald Tribune columnist. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., buffet.

Buchwald, whose column on personalities and seldom-told behind the scenes stories of Europe is a widely-read newspaper feature, will speak on "The Lighter Side of Europe."



ART BUCHWALD

Wed., Oct. 30 — Hon. Jean Boucoiran, director general of French Tourism. Vin d'honneur, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

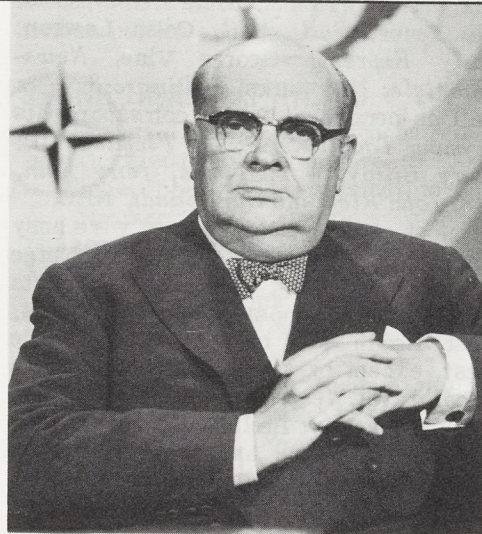
M. Boucoiran, and other representatives of the French government, will discuss plans for the development of travel in France.

Wed., Oct. 30 — 1957 Semi-Annual Meeting of OPC Membership. 8:30 p.m.

Business meeting, open to all active membership. Associate and affiliate members welcome. Committee chairmen will present two-page written reports. Membership cards which expired Sept. 30, 1957, will be accepted. Dinner available until start of meeting.

Fri., Nov. 1 — M. Paul Henri-Spaak. Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 5 — Election Night Party 6:00 p.m. (Details to be announced.)



M. PAUL HENRI-SPAAK

M. Spaak, chairman of the North Atlantic Council and Secretary General of NATO, will address the OPC at luncheon Nov. 1.

Reservations for member and one guest at \$3.00 each may be made at the OPC.

Two Changes in Awards For '58; Book Planned

Two innovations in the 1957-58 annual OPC Awards have been approved by the Board of Governors.

Under chairmanship of William P. Gray, the committee has established two awards for the best interpretation of foreign affairs, instead of one. One award will be for foreign press interpretation, the other for radio and television interpretation.

The second innovation is the establishment of an annual award for the best book on foreign affairs.

The Book Award will replace last year's new award for "Best magazine reporting of events involving persons, places or things beyond the forty-eight states of the U.S."

The Committee also is bringing out an OPC Awards Book, pegged on OPC Awards entirely. To be published by A.S. Barnes & Co., the first issue is planned for Spring 1958.

The Club's Book Committee has approved the project.

Categories for 1958 awards, to be made at the Annual Dinner scheduled for

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TRUJILLO'S NACION EJECTED BY IAPA

For the first time in the history of the Inter-American Press Ass'n. an active member-newspaper has been expelled for totalitarian tendencies.

The IAPA kicked out *La Nacion*, owned by Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, head of the Dominican Republic. The association's board of directors voted forty to 0 for the action.

The action highlighted the group's thirteenth annual assembly last week in Washington. Jules Dubois, *Chicago Tribune* Latin American correspondent and chairman of the IAPA Freedom of the Press Committee, led the move for *La Nacion's* ouster.

According to the IAPA's constitution, such action can be sought against members "which in the opinion of the board of directors, are Fascist, or Communist, or which have any other totalitarian tendencies."

Dubois' committee meanwhile issued a 12,000-word report severely critical of the Dominican Republic, Venezuela and Paraguay and, to a lesser extent, of Cuba (see story, p. 3), Nicaragua, Bolivia and El Salvador. On the favorable side, the committee praised progress toward a free press in Argentina and Colombia.

More than 500 editors and publishers attended the assembly which was addressed by President Eisenhower. The President complimented the IAPA for "great and constructive work."

IAPA NAMES BROGAN

John A. Brogan, chairman of the OPC Inter-American Affairs Committee, was elected treasurer of the Inter-American Press Ass'n. at its annual meeting last week in Washington. Brogan is vice president and director of foreign business of King Features and INS.

FENDELL IN NEW YORK

Jack Fendell, assigned to Costa Rica for King Features, is in New York until Nov. 1. He is on a business and personal visit here following attendance at IAPA meeting in Washington, and is staying at Beaux Arts Hotel. Mrs. Fendell will join him in New York Monday.



OVERSEAS TICKER



MIDDLE EAST

AP's Wilton Wynn and Welles Hangen, NBC Middle East bureau chief, had a joint interview in Cairo with Egypt's President Nasser. In one of his rare post-Suez interviews, Nasser again proved that he has a winning, direct way with newsmen once they succeed in penetrating the tight circle of Egyptian bureaucrats. The interview was filmed for NBC-TV News by *Henry Toluzzi*, NBC News staffer based in Beirut.

Middle East news developments force most U.S. reporters stationed here to live out of the suitcase. CBS Beirut staffer Richard Kallsen is forever shuttling between Beirut, Damascus and Amman; was last seen catching a plane to Ankara to cover the Turkish national elections.

Joe Morris, UP roving Middle East reporter, is in Cairo pinch-hitting for Bill Landry, head of UP's Middle East bureau. Landry is at present enjoying a combination honeymoon and home-leave; expects to return to his Cairo post this month with his new bride.

UP's Russ Jones stopped over briefly in Beirut enroute to Turkey and Sofia.

Life's reporter-photographer team *Don Burke* and Jim Whitmore flew in from Athens to cover King Saud's state visit to Lebanon. They're in East Africa now to report the new Aga Khan's investiture in Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika.

Also Africa-bound this week was NBC's *Henry Toluzzi* who joined NBC New York staffer Richard McCutcheon in Johannesburg, South Africa, for a series of TV assignments scheduled for NBC's "Today" morning news program.

William Ryan, AP news analyst, and veteran news photographer Jim Pringle, covered Middle East news in Syria and Jordan; then rushed off to Belgrade to be on hand for the Zhukov visit with Tito.

Other veteran reporters currently filing from Middle East points are the *N.Y. Herald Tribune's* Don Cook and George Weller, *Chicago Daily News*.

Henry Toluzzi

BERLIN

James Reston, Washington bureau chief of the *N.Y. Times*, stopped here on his way back from Moscow via Warsaw.

In for a week of shopping and business matters were Max Frankel, *N.Y. Times* correspondent in Moscow, and wife. Both Reston and Frankel were hosted by *Harry Gilroy*, Berlin correspondent for the *N.Y. Times*.

Many newsmen came to Berlin for the first session of the new West German

Bundestag. on Oct. 15. The session was held in the Benjamin Franklin Congress Hall, sponsored and built by the U.S. Most of the newsmen were busy with the announcement that Tito had recognized the East German puppet regime. Covering both these stories were: Gaston Coblenz, *N.Y. Herald Tribune*; *Ernie Leiser*, CBS; Ken Ames, *Daily Mail*; Colin Lawson, *Daily Express*; George Vine, *News-Chronicle*; Ned Burks, *Baltimore Sun*; as well as permanent Berlin correspondents *Seymour Topping*, AP; *Joe Fleming*, UP; *Harry Gilroy*, *N.Y. Times*, *Jerry Main*, INS; *John Rich* and *Gary Stindt*, NBC.

Most of the same newsmen were busy covering the sudden currency exchange story by the East German Communists Oct. 13. For almost twenty-four hours, West Berlin was blocked off from the West, except by air or Allied Army train or car travel. Western news photographers, including a West Berlin NBC cameraman, were arrested and had their film taken away from them. All were released a short time later.

In town for a short visit and a change of scenery was *Harold Milks*, chief of bureau for AP in Moscow.

Off on home leave to the U.S. is Al Peterson, chief Information Officer of the U.S. Mission in Berlin. Don Hall will pinch hit for him.

Erich Maria Remarque was in town playing a role in a movie version of one of his own books. He wasn't very communicative, however, for he held one short press conference for German newsmen and refused to give radio or TV newsfilm interview to U.S. media.

Gerhard Stindt

TOKYO

Ernest Hoberecht, UP vice president and general manager for Asia, was re-elected president of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan.

One of the founders of the Club, Hoberecht is the first man to serve three times as president.

Other officers elected were: Leroy Hansen, UP, vice president; *Peter Kalischer*, CBS, vice president; *Igor Oganessoff*, *Wall Street Journal*, treasurer; John Randolph, AP, Secretary; and directors: Kenzo Suzuki, *Asahi Shimbun*; *Robert Trumbull*, *N.Y. Times*; and Keyes Beech, *Chicago Daily News*.

Stuart Griffin

NEW DELHI

James Greenfield, *Time-Life* bureau chief, flew to Colombo, Ceylon on a news assignment.

A.M. Rosenthal, *N.Y. Times*, and Sam Johnson, AP flew from New Delhi to

Karachi to help their correspondents there cover the Pakistan cabinet crisis following the resignation of Premier H.S. Suhrawardy.

Charles C. Lane

SYDNEY

Don Tait, AP bureau chief in Australia, is back from the latest series of Big Bangs at Maralinga, nuclear weapon testing range in Central Australia. Don's dusty and weary comment: "I'm radio-active but still happy!"

This seems to be Moving Season for American bureaus in Australia: *Phil Curran*, UP management, has been in Downunderland on a UP reorganization and Eric Reil, acting bureau chief, has now moved UP Australian headquarters to the new all-glass Caltex Building, which overlooks Sydney's famous Harbor Bridge, longest single span in the world. Don Tait also has moved AP headquarters to a new location near the Circular Quay. *Al Norman*, bureau chief of the *Christian Science Monitor*, has moved the outfit to a new downtown location in attractively modern premises. Friendly non-American comment: "Business must be flourishing!"

The Foreign Correspondents Ass'n. of Australia has regular luncheon meetings with government and other important figures as guests. *Christian Science Monitor's* *Al Norman* is president.

Al Norman

MELBOURNE

The people in Melbourne today are walking around with an air of importance. Two days ago, thousands of Melbourne-ites had a wonderful experience, unknown to the majority of the world, when we saw with our naked eye the Soviet satellite pass overhead for twenty seconds. It was a strange, eerie, thrill. The Aussies are sympathetic because the Yanks didn't launch theirs first.

Melbourne is back to her quiet, staid self after coming alive last November when the city played host to the Olympics and 500 visiting newsmen. Many of the newsmen here are asking about AP's Milton Marmor from London, *Bob Considine*, the *N.Y. Times'* South East Asia rover Bob Alden, Pepper Martin of *U.S. News and World Report*, and Asian photo editors of AP and UP, respectively, George Sweers and Norm Williams.

There are few Americans here and not many visitors, so the town went wild last week when four U.S. Navy destroyers

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150 Feast at OPC Dining Room Fete

One hundred and fifty OPC members and guests attended the formal opening of the re-decorated OPC dining room Oct. 18.

Typical reaction to the redesigned room was expressed in a telegram from President *Cecil Brown* to House Operations Committee chairman *Larry Newman* which read: "Heartiest congratulations to your entire committee for creating a magnificent dining room and arranging so auspicious a formal opening. Best regards. *Cecil Brown*."

Singled out for particular praise by many guests was Miss *Lyril Spence*, the decorator who spent much time and energy in completing work for the evening. *Lawton Carver*, House Committee member, was also praised for his work in re-organizing kitchen and dining room procedures.

"We were particularly proud of Chef *George Ovide*, the waitresses and all kitchen employees who served the large crowd," *Newman* said. "It was the first time a large crowd was served a la carte at the Club and it went off beautifully."

Women guests received roses from *Kathryn Cravens*, Hospitality Committee chairman, as they entered the Club. Champagne, supplied by the Champagne Producers of France through *Edward Gottlieb*, was served along with OPC table wine which is now available.

The present art exhibit in the dining room, presented by the Grand Central Art Gallery, will remain until early December.

Seating capacity of the room is 110, remaining the same as in the old dining room.

Members planning dinner parties are requested to make reservations for tables to insure prompt service.

NBC NEWS CHIEF OFF TO LONDON

William R. McAndrew, director of NBC News, leaves for London Monday where he will represent Robert W. Sarnoff, NBC president, at BBC's twenty-first anniversary dinner for TV.

He will also meet with NBC's European correspondents who will be in New York for the network's Dec. 29 show, "Projection 58." They include *Joseph C. Harsch*, NBC News, London; *Leif Eid*, Paris; *Frank Bourgholtzer*, Vienna; *Ed Newman*, Rome; *Irving R. Levine*, Moscow; and *Welles Hangen*, Cairo. Also on the show will be *Jim Robinson* from the Tokyo bureau.

McAndrew also will hold discussions with Berlin assignees *John Rich* and *Gerhard Stindt* on bureau plans.

BAN IN CUBA MAY GO

Press censorship in Cuba is expected to be lifted momentarily.

A UP report this week quoted a Cuban embassy counsellor in Washington as saying the ban would be removed "in a few days."

The news followed an IAPA committee resolution criticising restrictions in Cuba and elsewhere.

An appeal had also been made by the Cuban Press Bloc, a group representing fifteen papers and magazines there.

STONE HEADS AP IN RIO

Thomas J. Stone has been named AP bureau chief in Rio de Janeiro.

Stone, previously assistant to *Fred L. Strozier*, South American manager, replaces *Laurance F. Stuntz* who is taking an assignment in New York.

Stone's previous foreign service included duty in Tokyo, Cairo and Frankfurt.

Meanwhile, AP is coming out this Sunday (Oct. 27) with foreign affairs analyst *William F. Ryan's* report saying that since Israel invaded Egypt, Russia has been gaining prestige in the Middle East, while the U.S. has been slipping.

Len Saffir is in Melbourne, Australia, doing free-lance magazine articles on that country. Plans of the former INS Far East correspondent include a trip to Fiji and Tahiti for research on Polynesians. His address is Chevron Hotel, Melbourne.

PRATT AWARDED NAVAL HONOR POSTHUMOUSLY



Rear Admiral Milton E. Miles, Commandant of the Third Naval District (New York), presents Mrs. Fletcher Pratt with posthumous Naval award to correspondent Fletcher Pratt at ceremony at OPC Oct. 15. Given by the Secretary of Navy, the Distinguished Public Service Award was for Pratt's "contribution in furthering a greater understanding of the Navy's role in national defense."

OPC Honors Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was awarded honorary life membership in the OPC Oct. 17 at the largest luncheon in the Club's history.

The first luncheon to be held in the newly-redecorated dining room honored Mrs. Roosevelt, whom President *Cecil Brown* called "the most admired woman in the world; admired most for her contributions to communications, her inspiration and integrity."

The honorary membership is the ninth to be awarded since the Club was founded in 1938. *Sir Winston Churchill* was the latest to be so honored.

Mrs. Roosevelt said she was "more frightened" than she ever had been by Senator McCarthy when she returned from her trip to the Soviet Union - "frightened by the American people's complacency and lack of knowledge."

Mrs. Roosevelt told the luncheon that the most important thing she "could ask is that you insist that we, the people of the U.S., grow up and know as much about the world in which we live as we can know."

She told of difficulties and delays in obtaining her interview with the Russian leader. Finally, on the suggestion of *Henry Shapiro*, UP bureau manager in Moscow, she wired directly to Khrushchev and finally was given only a few hours' notice that the interview had been arranged.

changing scene:

COVERING THE VATICAN -- THEN AND NOW

by Frank Brutto

Ed Kennedy, whose war's end scoop is still debated when newsmen gather, exclaimed, "What, Pucci still alive?"

Now assistant publisher of the *Monterey Peninsula Herald*, Kennedy was retracing some of his World War route. His question recalled one of his first Italian assignments — the illness of Pope Pius XI in 1939 — and the "Pucci" he was referring to was white-haired, dignified Monsignor Enrico Pucci, who then was supplying a Vatican tipster service and controlled his monopoly with an iron hand.

That Pucci has been dead for several years. The name that cropped up in the conversation about Vatican coverage of twenty years ago compared to today's was that of his nephew. Together with other Italian newsmen long associated with the Vatican, he has inherited the Monsignor's helpful service to newsmen.

But, compared with the peacock-strutting days of Benito Mussolini when *Dick Massock* was Rome bureau chief for AP, Reynolds Packard for UP and Mike Chinigo for INS, there have been changes in news coverage at the Vatican.

Only Italian

In those days, when the Pope spoke it was necessary — if he spoke in Italian — to hire two sharp Italian short-hand experts to take it from the radio, sentence by sentence, and shoot it along to a waiting American staffer. You never knew when a translation or even copy in the original language might be available — if ever. That's changed.

For example, the other day the Vatican press office telephoned newsmen at 10:30 a.m. and told them that a Papal Encyclical would be ready at Noon. The office even deigned to mention the subject.

It was on television, radio and motion pictures — a 16,000-word document, one of the longest that Pope Pius XII has issued in the eighteen years of his reign. At Noon — just as promised — it was ready, not only in original Latin, but in English, French, Spanish, Italian and German. And it was nicely bound in pamphlet form — quite a change from the old days.

And it is a good thing, too, because no Pope in the history of the Roman Catholic church produced news-worthy and important speeches and documents as does Pius XII. It's not likely that any other ruler — spiritual or mundane (and the Pope as head of the church and sovereign of the State of Vatican City is both) has spoken on so many subjects so frequently. They range all the way

from atomic bombs to young people and probably zebras, too. We forget.

But ever since the eve of World War II when, in one of his first public pronouncements, he urged rulers to negotiate for peace, warning that all might be lost with war, Pope Pius XII has been gathering momentum in his immense activity.

For instance, in the period from August 25 to September 18, a period during which he is in summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, he has:

Three Week's Work

Addressed some 30,000 young Christian workers in St. Peter's Square; sent a letter to The Sons of the Sacred Family; sent a letter to Joseph Cardinal van Rooy, Archbishop of Malines, on the sixtieth anniversary of his priesthood; addressed a pilgrimage of French student priests; wrote to the Third International Congress of Catholic Teachers at Vienna; wrote to Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, for his episcopal silver anniversary; came to St. Peter's again from Castel Gandolfo to address delegates to an international dental congress (he praised modern methods of dentistry and recent discoveries); addressed a world congress of experts in Greek and Latin epigraphs; addressed the extraordinary congregation of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) — the Society's sixth such meeting in 400 years; addressed by radio the eighth centenary observance of Austria's Mariazell shrine (he urged Austrian Catholics to pray for Hungarians); addressed an international family meeting (urged Catholic couples not to re-wed if one of the marriage partners dies, but to hold sacred the memory of their union); addressed French railroad workers (praised their social service); wrote to an international of young people's tourism.

All these were long and sometimes ponderous addresses or documents, an average three weeks in the Pope's schedule. In addition, during this period he met many people in private and general audiences and talked to many of them.

The fact is that Pope Pius XII, now a venerable eighty-one years old, is as active as he ever was — if anything, more active. Having surpassed his grave illness of three years ago, he appears today to be in better health than ever. And among his well-wishers the most sincere include the newsmen who grew bearded and red-eyed during the night-long, week-long, month-long vigils of his illness.

The Pope, who received Allied war correspondents in an unusual audience

soon after the liberation of Rome and is extremely aware of the power of press, radio, television and other means of communication, has helped ease the newsman's burden at the Vatican.

A milestone in what modernization has thus far been done certainly was underlined by the great post-war consistory of 1946, when thirty-two cardinals from every continent of the world were made princes of the church. That fact seemed to emphasize the importance of getting out the news.

American Cardinals Easiest

Another was the ease with which the American cardinals, somewhat contrasting with their European colleagues of an older school, mingled with the press and answered questions. They were especially a delight to Italian newsmen.

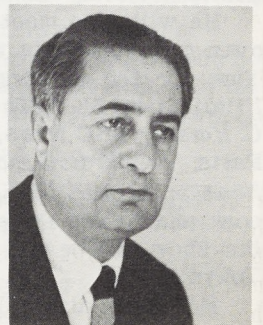
Detroit's Edward Cardinal Mooney, spoke about baseball. Cardinal Spellman of New York and Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago were readily available to the press. It is known, too, that Cardinal Spellman put in a good word for the press for improvement of Vatican news services. Compared with 1940 and earlier, the improvement has been considerable.

You still cannot get an advance copy of a Papal speech. The routine answer to a request for one — and doubtless true — is that the "Holy Father may want to change a word at the last minute or even while he is speaking."

Normally, though, you now can get copies of the speech quickly in the language given — usually Italian, French, Spanish or German — and, usually, translations. Once, on the occasion of a Christmas message, newsmen were given copies when the Pope began to speak.

But, it's still a tough job to jump into a 16,000 or even a 6,000-word amply annotated document on a tricky and often profound subject and come up with the lead. One suggestion: start looking for it in the second half. Then look at the first half. Maybe it was in the first paragraph after all.

Overseas Press Bulletin correspondent Frank Brutto is on his second tour in Rome as AP staffer. His first assignment there was in 1940 and 1941. He served on the wire service's staff in Berne, Switzerland, during World War II.



FRANK BRUTTO

ARTUCIO WARNS OF SOVIET INTRIGUE IN SOUTH AMERICA

The U.S.S.R. is engaged in an all-out effort to win a bridgehead in Uruguay, most democratic nation in South America, warned Dr. Hugo Fernandez Artucio, foreign editor of *El Dia* (Montevideo), at an OPC Open House Oct. 21. Moreover, the U.S.A. is neglecting to meet the challenge with the proper counter-offensive.

Uruguay, with the best record of any Latin American nation for literacy, stable economy and orderly government is at present being "attacked by an unprecedented amount of unwanted love" from the Soviets, Artucio said. As evidence, he cited the fact that Moscow is paying twenty-five percent more than current world prices for Uruguayan wool, has sent the famed Moscow ballet corps to Montevideo for a month's stay, has invited sports teams to Moscow (which Uruguay refused) with "unbelievably big inducements," and maintains an embassy larger than any other in Montevideo.

Evidently taking Sir Winston Churchill's declaration that the River Plata is one of the "three most strategic naval locations in the world," the Soviets have started a highly coordinated "cultural and economic" drive, which should be of

major concern to the Western World, said Artucio.

Answering questions as to what U.S. papers could do to help, the speaker said: "Pay more news attention to South America."

TOKYO ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE

The annual Tokyo Press Club Anniversary Party for alumni will be held Saturday evening, Nov. 9, at the Nippon Club, 7 East 96th Street.

All saki-sushi-tempora aficionados can look forward to a night of fun starting with the cocktail hour and followed by dinner from the Nippon Club's renowned cuisine, Japanese entertainment and the annual skits and fun award ceremony topped off with dancing until..... For reservations and additional information contact Bob Schakne, CBS-TV News and Ed Hymoff, NBC News.

J. Raymond Bell, PR director of Columbia Pictures Corp., was named general chairman for the 1958 annual conference of the Public Relations Society of America.

Carl Bakal, Andre Visson, and Clarence Hall, all have articles appearing in the November *Reader's Digest*.

COMMITTEES



LIBRARY

Copies of Ken Giniger's new anthology, *America America America*, published by Franklin Watts on Columbus Day, and Henry Gellermann's *How to Make Money Make Money*, publication date Monday by Thomas Crowell, have been sent to the OPC Library.

Also a selection of reference books from the AP Reference Library have been donated to the OPC Library through the courtesy of Wes Gallagher and AP librarian Wayne Cottingham.

David Chandler's "12 Flights Up" has been included in *This Week's Stories of Mystery and Suspense*, just published by Random House.

Ralph Smith's article, "You Can Beat The Phony Phonemen," describing unscrupulous fund-raisers and their telephone crews, will be published in the January issue of the *American Legion Magazine*.

Amy Vanderbilt left on her Fall lecture, TV and radio tour across the U.S.

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came into port. Before the sailors left, a local paper reported, there were nine engagements to Australian girls.

Another American, Puerto Rican-born dancer-singer Margo the Z-Bomb, is one of the biggest hits to play here on the Tivoli Theater circuit since it hired W.C. Fields and Houdini from the U.S. Margo was known and liked by foreign correspondents in the Far East who recognize her as a good source of light copy.

The nearly one-century old *Argus* newspaper of Melbourne folded this year. The *Argus* was the paper which, during the Olympic Games, headlined Prince Philip's visit to the Main Stadium with a ten-column: "Good on you, Phil."

Sydney opens a new plush press club soon. Melbourne does not have one.

And lastly, the Aussies are toasting Robert Ruark as "the cleverest" visiting American newsman since he columned recently about the "great" Australian beer. *Len Saffir*

ZURICH

The decision to impose a hundred dollar fine on Mike Goldsmith, AP bureau chief in Switzerland, for refusing to reveal his sources on a story, brought him back to his home office on a thousand kilometer, twenty-four hour drive to consult his lawyer. AP headquarters in New York has protested the fine and advised Mike to stick to his guns even if he has to

pay up.

Andreas Gregoriades, UP director for Switzerland, is back from a three-week holiday swing through Italy. Wearing the double hat of business manager and chief UP correspondent in the country keeps "Greg" continually on the go.

Bob Kroon, *Time-Life* correspondent for Switzerland, is on a business-pleasure trip to his native Holland. During his absence, Alex des Fontaines, AFP, will backstop for him in Geneva and Bill Rutherford at the International Press Institute in Zurich will do the chores in German-speaking Switzerland.

The government information office in Berne threw its annual shindig for the foreign press corp. Along with government officials and foreign press attaches, correspondents from sixteen countries were taken on a plane-boat-train excursion around the country which terminated in a candle-light dinner at the Chateau de Chillon outside of Montreux. The annual display of Swiss hospitality is meant to acquaint foreign correspondents with choice bits of the country and at the same time, give them a first-hand crack at the foreign diplomats stationed in the country. *W.A. Rutherford*

DUESSELDORF

Walter Kerr, formerly with the *N.Y. Herald Tribune* and now putting the final touches on the first issue of his own Paris magazine, *An American Abroad*,

passed through Duesseldorf in search of story material and ideas. He spent a couple of days with Ed and Loretta Hartrich before returning to Paris via Frankfurt.

To Duesseldorf also came Douglas Cater, Washington editor of *The Reporter* magazine, and his wife, Libby. Doug was in the first phase of the first stage of his "Eisenhower fellowship" journey which will subsequently take him also to the Soviet Union and India. He spent three days in Duesseldorf talking to newsmen, business executives and trade union headquarters officials, and hopes to come back for another visit before he passes on to the next country.

The ranks of top German business brass here are temporarily depleted because so many of them have gone to the San Francisco gathering, organized by Henry Luce for the world's leading industrialists and bankers.

TAIPEI

H. Peter Dreyer

Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the *N.Y. Times* at present on a round-the-world tour, was awarded the Order of the Brilliant Star of Republic of China for "his long years of service toward the cultivation of enlightened public service in the free world." The award was made by President Chiang Kai-shek at a dinner party given by President and Mme. Chiang for the Sulzbergers Oct. 17. Tillman Durbin is with the Sulzberger party.

Geraldine Fitch

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Scalpers Sell Ducats on Girard Trial Opening Day

(Stuart Griffin, Overseas Press Bulletin correspondent and Asian correspondent for the Journal of Commerce, wrote a special feature for The Bulletin on the trial of U.S. Army Specialist William S. Girard.)

Japan

Maebashi, Gumma Pref. — This is the drab perfectural capital of 170,000 Japanese who live "Before the Bridge" in "Horse Gathering Place," as the two names translate into English.

The residents presume instantly that every foreigner in town at this time has some intimate connection with the trial of Specialist William S. Girard for the manslaughter death of farm housewife-brass picker Mrs. Naka Sakai.

Likely as not, the residents are right, because the foreign press has turned out in droves to cover the American soldier's trial.

The First Day

The town was charged with county fair atmosphere when Girard's trial began before the three-man court on a hot, sultry day last August. The stores across from the District Court were converted into news bureaus.

The AP set up in a scrivener's shop where Gene Kramer, Dave Lancashire and Kay Tateishi had to take off their shoes to go across the rice-straw matting to their 'phones and typewriters. The UP took apavilion on the Court-house grounds where John Zimmerman, Day Inoshita and Fred Braitsch plugged away. Ken Ishii and Jay Axelbank turned out INS copy in a corner bakery.

Others who showed up — in addition to one hundred photographers, seventy-five Japanese pressmen, and crowds of almost 1,000 to whom scalpers tried to sell seats at \$5.00 per seat (there were thirty-five seats available for spectators) — were Alex Campbell, *Time-Life*; Foster Hailey, *N.Y. Times*; Peter Kalischer, CBS, Ray Falk; NANA and ABC; and Shin Higashi, AP, who was also taken on as court interpreter.

When the trial was opened by the three judges — who were thirty, forty and fifty years old, a panel of three prosecutors squared off against three defense lawyers who had been primed by Itsuro Hayashi, the lawyer who defended Col. Kingoro Hashimoto (the man who ordered the Panay sunk) at the Int'l. Military Tribunals.

The Courtroom

During the hearings, eight bailiffs sit at ease, lynx-eyed as they watch for signs of spectators sleeping, reading magazines or chewing gum.

Girard arrives each day in an MP sedan, flanked by military personnel. He

never appears to be out of U.S. custody, and no Japanese policeman lays a hand on him. He does not wear handcuffs, only a smile.

When the trial moves out "on location" — to the site of the death — the court sets up in tents provided by the Army. Girard is brought in an Army helicopter. The judges appear on the muddy, rain-soaked hills in farmers' straw raincoats and broad-brimmed hats. Day Inoshita acts as one of the pool-men for the outdoor sessions, and during the rain, his copy has had to be hung on telephone wires inside the tent to dry. He has done a first-class job, along with Ken Ishii, the other poolster.

The AP had a twenty-pound file on Girard pre-trial — Kramer hustled, to the discomfort and criticism of the PIO. Kramer was responsible chiefly for nick-naming Girard's Japanese sweetheart "Candy."

When the hearing is at the court, in the silk industry capital that took such a hammering in the last days of World War II, life is different. One of the correspondents got press passes for two friends — whom he met the night before. The three were caught by the eye of the TV camera, to the reporter's chagrin when a rocket arrived from the home office: "Remember, you're on duty — yes, even after midnight!"

The AP has sprung a surprise on its opposition. Its reporters came up with a device which splices the field 'phone onto a commercial trunk, so that the news flashes into Tokyo.

The Japanese use homing pigeons, which negotiate the seventy-mile distance between Maebashi and Tokyo non-stop in two and one-half hours. Trains are used constantly, and reporters carry schedules to Tokyo pasted in their hats.

The bailiffs collect copy every half-hour, relay it across the street to the bureaus which 'phone directly to Tokyo.

The Proceedings

The trial is held in a spirit of decorum and tranquillity. Outside the building, there is nothing in the way of myopic students chanting themselves hoarse with left-wing slogans or workers flapping red flags and whipping themselves into moods of ugliness.

The only Leftist note so far has been the attendance one day — for five minutes — of Socialist big-wig Suzuki, who came only because he happened to be in Maebashi on a party rally.

The trial has become a weary thing. The case involving a woman who was shot in the winter, which dragged through spring, has passed through summer and into fall. The hearings go on and on,

testimony vague after so many months and many questions asked of minds that are often not too vigorous. The average day is a patchwork of reference to "Shrine Hill," "Hill 655," "Chocolate Drop," "Fox-Hole F," "shots from hip" and "shots from shoulder." The chief judge has confessed himself "baffled" as the statements, charges, slip-ups, challenges, refutations, and out-and-out lying grind onward.

Excitement

There are few unusual happenings. Once Ray Falk was on the train to Maebashi, and forgot where to get off. The train continued to one of the sixty-three prefectural hot springs, and the ABC commentator had to double back.

The bailiffs once caught up with a reporter for chewing gum, and a *Tokyo Shimbun* reporter for napping.

Alex Campbell, who watches Americans in the Japanese court room drama with a "pretty grim" Scottish smile, has had trouble with the judge on pictures — none are allowed in court.

Girard remains the star attraction, not that he wishes it so, but because the role has been wished on him. He rides to court with officers. His Japanese police escort follows *behind* the Army sedan. A general officer, a major, and the talented Japanese lawyer Hayashi advise him. No one has laid a hand on him — no Japanese, no American MP. On location, he is given his own tent, a command post tent at that.

One newsman — an American — said: "Girard sure gets the VIP treatment. No doubt about it, he's the best-known Specialist Third Class the U.S. Army ever had."

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UCLA Foreign Press Awards will be made for the excellence and objectivity of reports published in foreign newspapers and newsmagazines by representatives of the foreign press who are accredited to the U.S. or United Nations.

Four awards of a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond will be given for reporting U.S. politics, economics and business, arts and culture, and for reporting United Nations affairs. A fifth will be the David E. Bright Award for an interpretation of American history or contemporary life by a foreign journalist.

PEOPLE & PLACES...

Stella Margold's article on "Land Reforms in Egypt" in this month's *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*... Stephen H. Harrington off for Madrid, Middle East and Africa, getting syndicated column material.

Religious writer Roland Gammon back from Europe and Russia... Dr. Joseph F. Montague has been elected a director of the American Medical Writer's Ass'n... Jed Kiley is confined at the New York Cardiac Home in Westchester. (Note: Cards should be addressed % OPC.

Graciella Levi Castillo of *El Telegrafo* (Ecuador), spending three months in Mexico City (%Embajada del Ecuador, Calle General Masarik 203)... Norman Reader touring Europe from Athens to Madrid; he was elected General Allied Chairman of ASTA.

Ed Kirby of People to People, Inc., back from Europe and First World Commercial TV Conference in Heidelberg, for U.S. Armed Forces... Mike Wallace and Ted Yates have completed filmed interviews for TV and columns in Munich, Geneva, Nice and Paris.

Pat Michaels has been asked by California democratic leaders to be a candidate for Congress in his district. His first film story, "The Other Life of Lynn Stuart," has gone before the cameras at Columbia Studios.

CORRECTION

The Editors of *The Overseas Press Bulletin* regret the error in the Oct. 19 issue, in which Merrill Mueller and Ben Grauer were identified as covering the visit of Queen Elizabeth for CBS. Mueller and Grauer are NBC reporters.

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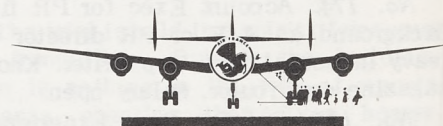
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